



Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

As I am writing this article for the Beacon I am wondering if there is going to be a white Christmas. That seems to be the question of the season will we have snow [white] for Christmas. I would like to offer this thought, we have a white Christmas every year as Jesus Christ came to earth to show us the way to His and our Heavenly Father and to have His blood wash away our sins and make us white as snow. Having been washed clean we start the year new. Let us make use of what God has planned for each of us and this wonderful church.

I hope that you and your families have had a very blessed Christmas together. May there have been many memories made and joyous time spent together. I have been blessed to have spent Christmas Eve with my wonderful wife in worship together at two services. Thanks be to God for the wonderful singing from the Southlawn singers and the special music we had during the month and for the children and their play.

I am excited as the New Year is upon us and look forward to seeing all of you in service. I am sticking with the Lectionary readings for the month. I want to thank all of you for the Christmas Cards and most of all the family welcome you have given me this past year. I hope to grow more with the congregation this year and in the years to come.

I have to say with a joyful heart we are seeing Colette Stevens get her start in the process of becoming an ordained minister. She will be working at Coalbush UMC part time and keeping her position at Martins; in addition, she will be deciding where she wants to attend seminary and most likely will start in the fall. She will be greatly missed here at Southlawn, but remember she is answering a call from the Father so she is in very good hands. God's blessings are upon you Colette and your endeavors as a Pastor.

Grace is a freely given gift, just let it live within us with joy and love.

Blessings,
Pastor Darrel Weaver
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Reminders

- No Ladies Fellowship until April
- Please check your mail boxes for Christmas Cards and other goodies

"For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning."

— T.S. Eliot

Let's Update the Directory!

Have you found that your Beacon is being sent to your neighbor, or that your birthday is not in the right month? If so please give me a call, drop me an email or leave me a note (preferably printed) in the office and I will get things squared away for you as quickly as I can.

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Thanks for your time!
Karen Nokes

Sunday Scripture Readings for January

January 1st, Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

January 3rd, Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 6th, Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 10th, 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17th, 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2: 1-11

January 24th, 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 31st, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Chancel Flowers

The 2016 flower calendar is up in the usual place by the nursery. Please prayerfully consider giving flowers for the altar to honor a loved one or a special occasion.

Thank you,
The Worship Committee

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Southlawn Shut-ins

Nancy Wolf

Woodland Terrace:
Treva Frick
Nonie Hertel

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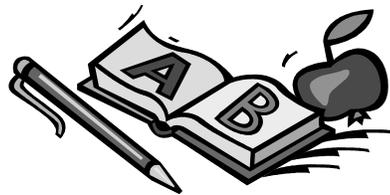
Ladies Fellowship

Happy New Year! May 2016 bring you much joy and happiness! There will be no Ladies Fellowship during the winter months due to the unpredictable weather. We will resume in April. Have a great, warm and safe winter!

Greeters, Singers, Nursery Caregivers...

There are sign-up sheets in the office if you are interested in a service for the church. Don't sing but can play an instrument... just as good, put your name on the Sunday that you would like to play for us. Please also consider signing up to help out with sound. We're only asking for a possible once a month commitment. There will be a training session once a few sign up.

Thank you all for considering signing up for these wonderful services to the church.



Preschool News

Dear Church Family,
The holidays came upon us fast. So blessed we can be "messengers for Christ" and instill value and truths into our children! Teaching character, respect, honesty, teamwork and valuing each other! Creating possibility for these kids is an honor! Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity through your church.

Many Blessings,
Miss Kristen

Men's Lunch Group

Happy New Year! I hope 2016 will be a good year for all. So let's start it off with a lunch & good fellowship and share our new year's resolutions. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, January 21st at 11:30 AM, meeting at the church 11:10 AM to carpool down. Please let Roger Riddle know if you would like to join in with us. Hope to see you there!



Thank You

I want to thank all my "elves" that again helped decorate the church for Christmas. I think we were done in about 1 and ½ hours. And lunch was delicious as always. Also, thank you David for running up to Varner's to get the poinsettias. This year they were the prettiest ever so thank you to those who donated a plant for the beauty of the sanctuary.

The Worship Committee



The Ripple Effect Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

BRRRR, it's cold outside! How about some hot chili to warm you up a bit? You are invited to a special event to help raise funds for The Ripple Effect choir. On January 16, chili enthusiasts in the area will be bringing pots of their special homespun recipes to Southside Christian Church (DOC) to be judged by the public. At the end of the evening, the Top Chili Dog will be awarded a prize! The \$8 suggested donation at the door includes limitless chili, cornbread, beverage, dessert, dinner music (provided by The Ripple Effect members, of course!), and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction. All proceeds will go to The Ripple Effect St. Louis tour. Southside Christian Church is located at 1329 E. Jackson Rd., South Bend, and the doors open at 4:30-7:30. For more info, please contact Sherry K at 291-9044 or sherry@sherryk.com (preferred). Thanks!

Heaven's Grocery Store

As I was walking down life's highway many years ago I came upon a sign that read: Heaven's Grocery Store. When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide and when I came to myself I was standing inside.... I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said "My child, shop with care."

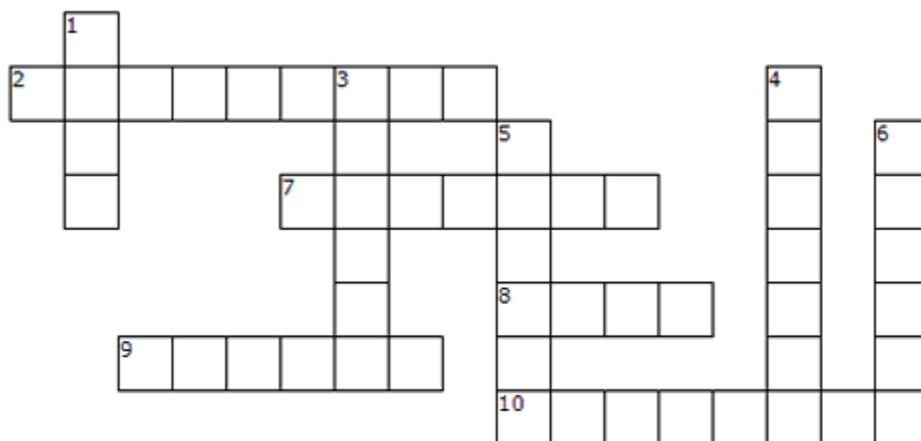
Everything a human needed was in that grocery store and what you could not carry you could come back for more. First I got some Patience. Love was in that same row. Further down was Understanding; you need that everywhere you go.... I got a box or two of Wisdom and Faith a bag or two. And Charity of course, I would need some of that too.... I couldn't miss The Holy Ghost; it was all over the place. And then some Strength and Courage to help me run this race. My basket was getting full but I remembered I needed Grace, and then I chose Salvation for Salvation was for free; I tried to get enough of that to do for you and me.... then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do the Master's Will. As I went up the aisle I saw Prayer and put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside I would run into Sin. Peace and Joy were plentiful, the last things on the shelf. Song and Praise were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel "Now how much do I owe?" He smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go." Again I asked "Really now, How much do I owe?" "My child" he said, "Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago."

Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus New Year's Day	2
3 Communion	4	5	6 6 PM Crochet Epiphany of the Lord	7	8	9
10	11	12 7 PM Choir Practice	13 6 PM Crochet	14	15	16
17 Noisy Bucket	18 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	19 6 PM SPRC/Trustee	20 6 PM Crochet 7 PM Worship	21 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's *Beacon Articles Due*	22	23
24	25 7 PM Ad Board/ Church Council	26	27 6 PM Crochet	28	29	30
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Birthdays

2 Erin Faunce
3 Lauren Hall
4 Jen Weaver
7 Lucy Overmyer
9 Carol Anderson
11 Mary Alice Fletcher
16 Karen Nokes
16 Brent Urbin
17 Nan Gentry
18 Sonny Walters
20 John De Souza
20 Steve Fletcher
22 Jerry Kline

Anniversaries

11 Darrel & Jen Weaver
18 Paul & Betty Bowers
18 Steve & Kim Holder

Nursery

3 Dorothy Axelberg
10 Madison Kopec
17 Nicole Sickmiller
24 Barb Dixon
31 Deanie Kopec

Acolytes

Greeters

Kathy & David Andert, Dee Perkins

Liturgist

Shirley Milcherska